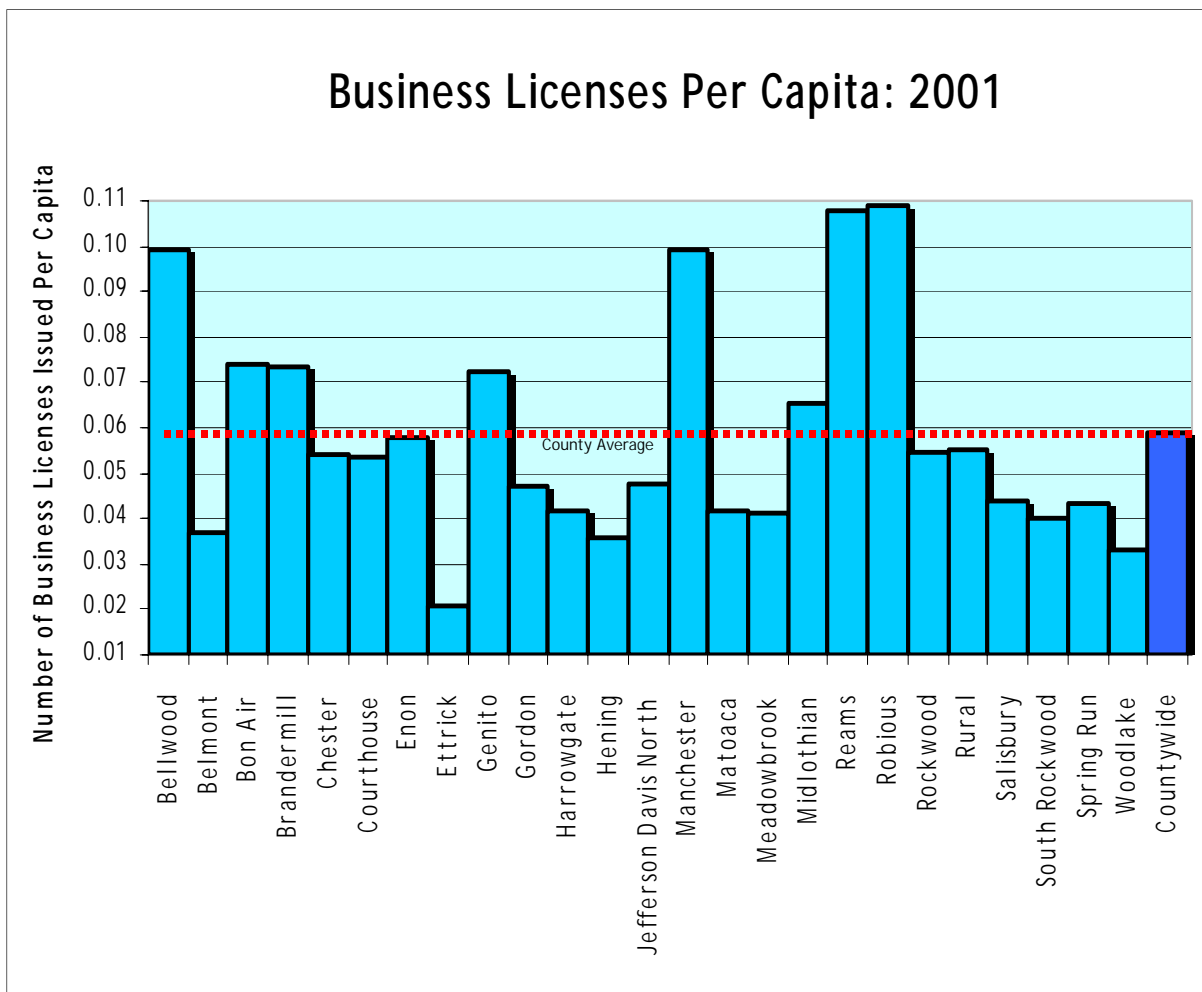


Businesses

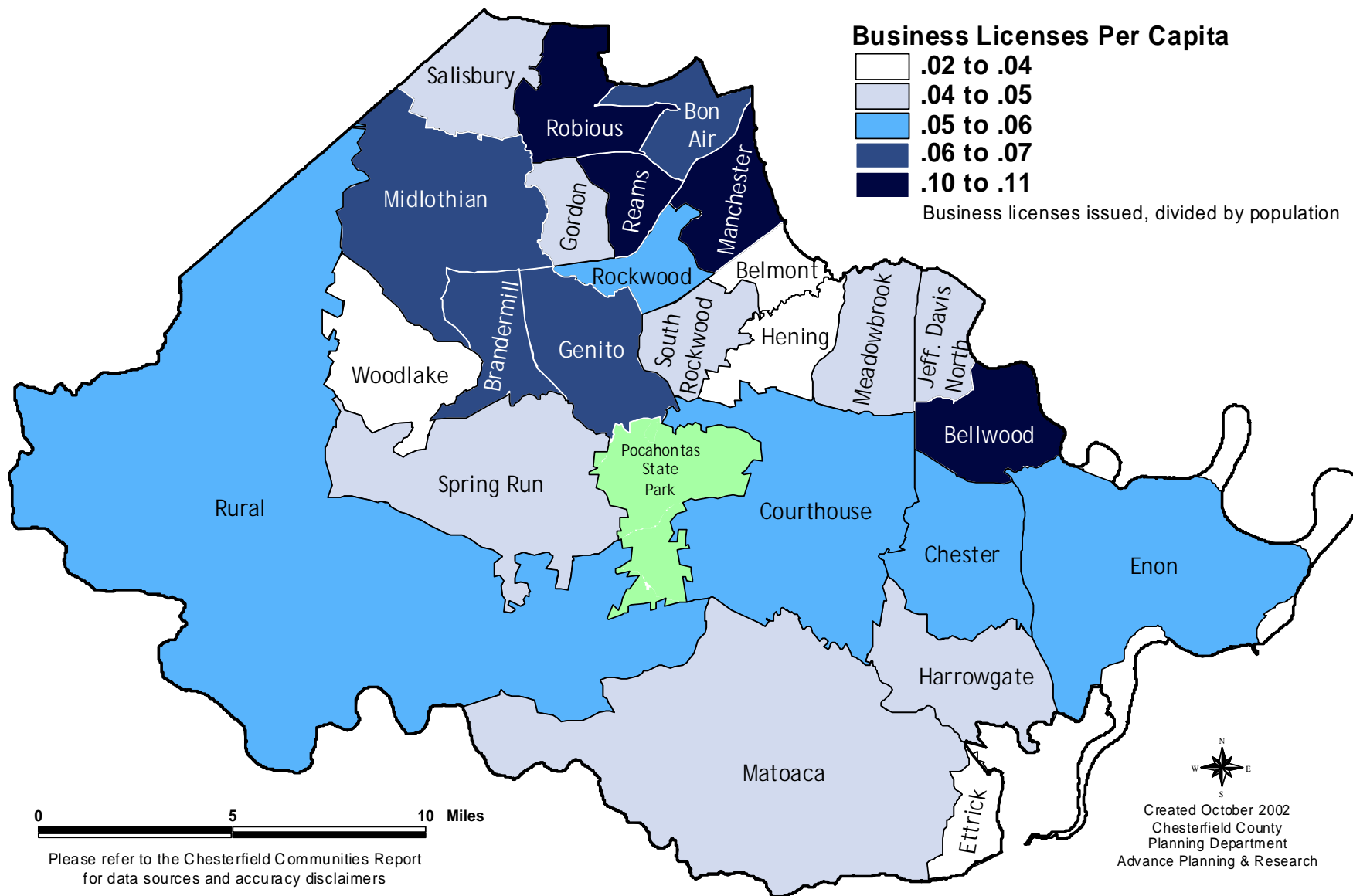
Just as a community needs well maintained residential development to remain healthy, a community also needs healthy and active businesses. Businesses employ residents, provide services, participate as civic partners, and help balance the tax base.

BUSINESS LICENSES

Limited information is available about the nature of businesses through local government. While many businesses are required to obtain business licenses, some do not. Further, most business information provided to local government is confidential. Almost 16,000 business licenses were issued countywide in 2001 (.059 licenses per capita). In Reams and Robious, the per capita license rate was relatively high (.108 and .109, respectively). This reflects the large commercial concentrations along Route 60. The rate was relatively low in Ettrick (.021) and Woodlake (.033).



Business Licenses: 2001

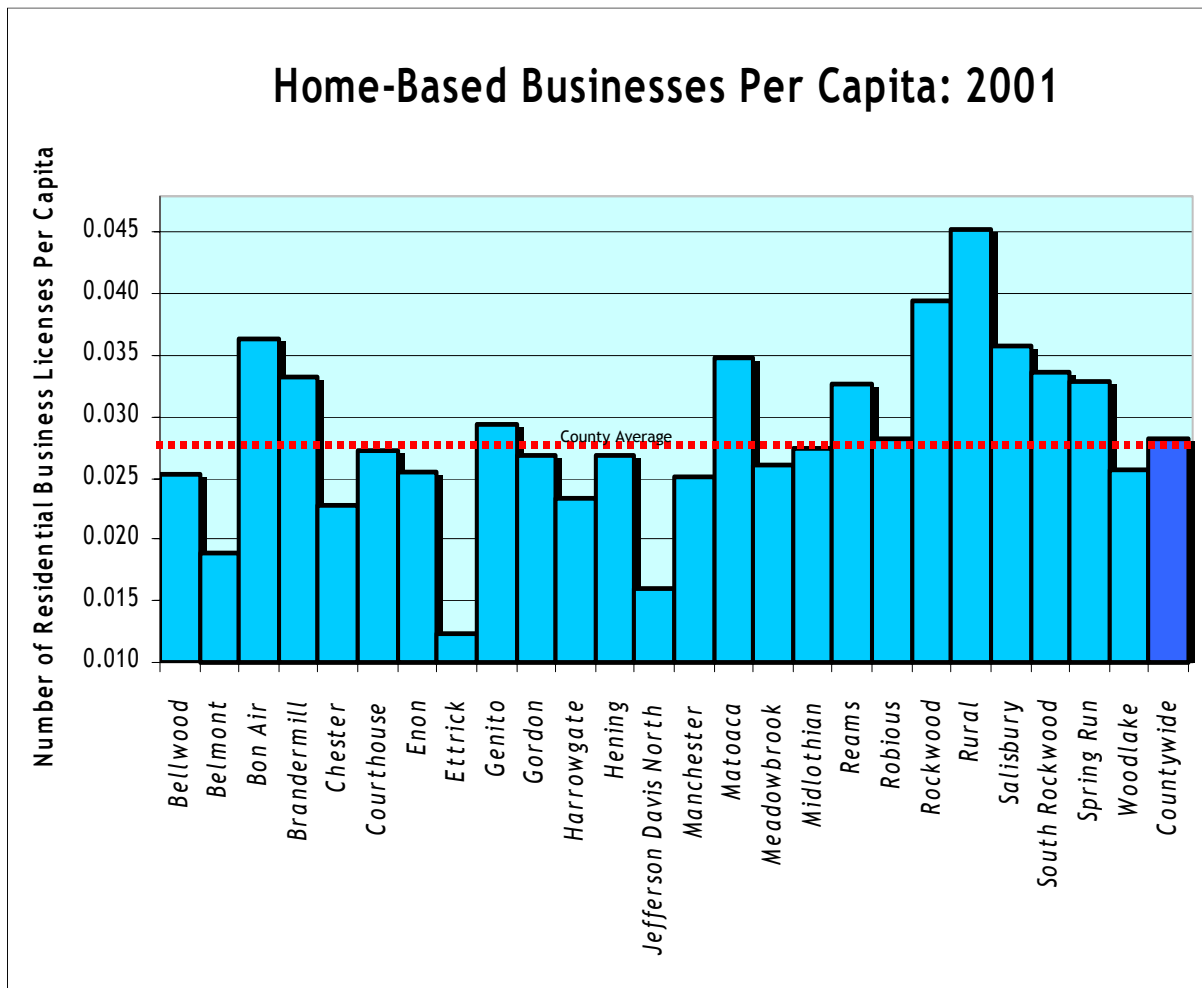




HOME-BASED BUSINESSES

Almost half (48%) of Chesterfield County business licenses were issued to residential addresses in 2001. Neighbors of home-based businesses sometimes have concerns about the possible negative impacts of such enterprises (such as additional commercial traffic and noise). It should be noted that communities with many home-based businesses (Bon Air, Matoaca, Rockwood, Rural, and Salisbury) have low crime rates, greater than average amounts of money spent on home maintenance and reinvestment, and low to average residential code enforcement complaint rates.

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